



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 10/798,495  
Applicant: Geringer et al.  
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Examiner: William Thomas Schrode  
Customer No. 23935  
Docket No. 744-27-035

Title: INTERCHANGEABLE LOCK OPERABLE IN FAIL SAFE AND FAIL SECURE  
MODES

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The following is a response to the examiner's October 4,  
2006 office action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.